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MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES WINNER MAXFIELD TOPS LIST OF PROBABLE ENTRANTS TO NEXT SATURDAY'S GRADE II, \$600,000 STEPHEN FOSTER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, June 19, 2021) – With five days remaining in the 2021 Spring Meet at Churchill Downs, next Saturday's closing day stakes spectacular is beginning to take shape. The 11-race program is scheduled to headlined by **Godolphin's** Grade I winner **Maxfield** in the featured \$600,000 Stephen Foster (Grade II) – one of seven stakes events on the card.

Maxfield, trained by **Brendan Walsh**, recorded his final work prior to the 1 1/8-mile Stephen Foster on Saturday at Churchill Downs with an easy half-mile move in :48.80 at 5:30 a.m. Maxfield enters the Stephen Foster following a convincing 3 1/4-length win in the \$400,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (GII).

The talented son of **Street Sense** is slated to be joined in the gate by fellow graded stakes winners **Chess Chief** (trainer Dallas Stewart), **Silver Dust** (Bret Calhoun) and **Warrior's Charge** (Brad Cox). All three horses completed their major Stephen Foster preparation Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Virginia-bred Chess Chief, owned by the **Estate of James Coleman Jr.**, worked a half-mile in :48.20. The four-time winner is scheduled to be ridden by **John Velazquez** in the Stephen Foster.

Owned by **Tom Durant**, Silver Dust breezed a half-mile in :49 under regular rider **Adam Beschizza**. The striking gray son of **Tapit** continued to gallop out past the wire and completed five furlongs in 1:01.20.

Ten Strike Racing and **Madaket Stables'** Warrior's Charge worked a half-mile in :48.20 at 7:30 a.m. **Florent Geroux** is scheduled to ride.

Other runners expected to take part in the Stephen Foster are **Empty Tomb** (Mike Maker) and possibly **Visitant** (Bill Morey), according to assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**.

The Stephen Foster is a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" race for the \$6 million Longines Classic (GI) on Nov. 6 at Del Mar. The winner receives an all entry fees paid berth to the season-ending championship event.

Here are the other probable runners for the six undercard races to the Stephen Foster, according to Bork:

- \$300,000 Fleur de Lis (GII), run at 1 1/8 miles for fillies and mares 4-year-olds and up, Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Distaff Division: **Dreamalildreamofu** (Brad Cox); **Envoutante** (Kenny McPeck); **Point of Honor** (Shug McGaughey); **Singita Dreams** (Phil Bauer); **Spice Is Nice** (Todd Pletcher); and **Vault** (Brad Cox).
- \$300,000 Wise Dan (GII), run at 1 1/16 miles on turf for 4-year-olds and up: **Field Pass** (Mike Maker); **In Love (BRZ)** (Paulo Lobo); **Ride a Comet** (Mark Casse); **Set Piece (GB)** (Brad Cox); and **Somelikeithotbrown** (Mike Maker). Possible: **Spooky Channel** (Jason Barkley)
- \$150,000 Bashford Manor (GIII), run at six furlongs for 2-year-olds: **Double Thunder** (Todd Pletcher); **Glacial** (Norm Casse); **Kavod** (Jimmy Chapman); **Landsdowne** (Dallas Stewart); **Red Run** (Steve Asmussen); **Vodka N Water** (Steve Asmussen); **Whatstheconnection** (John Ennis); and **Whistlewhileyoumow** (Jon Arnett).
- \$150,000 Debutante (Listed), run at six furlongs for 2-year-old fillies: **Bandits Warrior** (John Robb); **Classiness** (Jason Barkley); **Mi Estrella** (Genaro Garcia); **Mollie Kate** (John Ennis); **Ontheonesandtwos** (Norm Casse); **She'sgotattitude** (John Ennis); **Sommer Velvet** (Kevin Boniface); **Take the Backroads** (Tom Amoss); **Tizplenty** (Steve Asmussen); and **Wicked Halo** (Steve Asmussen).
- \$150,000 Tepin, run at one-mile on turf for 3-year-old fillies: **Adventuring** (Brad Cox); **Arm Candy** (Steve Asmussen); **Barista** (Jimmy Baker); **Bullseye Beauty** (Andrew McKeever); **Commanders Palace** (Mark Casse); **Fairchild** (Mark Casse); **Invincible Gal (GB)** (Graham Motion); and **New Boss** (Bret Calhoun).
- \$150,000 War Chant, run at one-mile on turf for 3-year-olds: **Accredit** (Pavel Matejka); **Dyn O Mite** (Keith Desormeaux); **Helium** (Mark Casse); and **Royal Prince** (Brad Cox).

Entries for Saturday's card take place Wednesday.

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CASH RECORDS FIRST TRAINING VICTORY FRIDAY WITH PICKFORD – Owner/trainer **Norman “Lynn” Cash** recorded his first victory as a trainer Friday at Churchill Downs with \$8,000 claimer **Pickford**.

Cash, a longtime owner and breeder, started his first horse as a trainer on April 23 at Keeneland. The 57-year-old conditioner co-owns his horses with his wife, **Lola**.

Cash had five horses entered over the next three days at Churchill Downs.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Saturday’s 20-cent Derby City 6 had a carryover of \$134,660 in Races 6-11 while the \$1 Super Hi 5 had a carryover of \$2,510. The 11-race program began at 12:45 p.m. ... Trainer **Brad Cox** was one win away from 300 Churchill Downs victories. He had three horses entered Saturday. ... Trainer **Bernie Flint** was one win away from 500 Churchill Downs victories and had one horse entered Saturday. ... **Bruce Lunsford**’s Blue Grass Stakes (GII) winner **Art Collector** recorded his final work Saturday at Churchill Downs prior to Friday’s \$110,000 Kelly’s Landing Overnight Stakes. The **Bernardini** colt cruised a half-mile in :47.40.

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